

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Inventor(s): Jonathan P. Murphy et al.
 Appln. No.: 09 554,451
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Group Art Unit 1634
 Examiner: Bradley Sisson
 Atty. Dkt. P 0268066
 M# Client Ref

Filed: May 15, 2000
 Hon. Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Appln. Title: Improvements In or Relating to
 Detection of Molecules in Samples

Sir:

REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER

Date: March 3, 2003

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. Small Entity claim	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOT made B. <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn C. <input type="checkbox"/> made herewith D. <input type="checkbox"/> made previously						
For B & C See <u>Required Separate Paper</u> (Pat-256)						
2. Total Effective Claims	10	**minus 20	0	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3	0	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$0	102/202
4. If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)					+ \$280/\$140 =	104/204
5. Original due Date: January 3, 2003		<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =				115/215
	(2 mos)	\$410/\$205 =		+ \$410		116/216
	(3 mos)	\$930/\$465 =				117/217
	(4 mos)	\$1,450/\$725 =				118/218
	(5 mos)	\$1,970/\$985 =				128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract				- \$0		
8.				Extension Fee	+ \$410	
9. If <u>Terminal Disclaimer</u> attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee				+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c),				+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request				+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)				+ \$750/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)				x \$750/375 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE)				+ \$750/375	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for					+ \$0	
15.				TOTAL FEE =	\$410	
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Our Order No. 041301 0268066
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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson

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March 3, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows herein.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 4 and 10 without prejudice.

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Three times amended) A method of detecting the presence in a sample of a polypeptide exogenously administered to a mammalian subject from whom the sample is obtained, and distinguishing between such an exogenously administered polypeptide and a naturally-occurring endogenous polypeptide present in the sample; the method comprising obtaining a sample of body fluid from the subject; and subjecting the sample to analysis of fluorescence at a suitable wavelength; wherein the sample is subjected to processing, prior to analysis, by one or more of the following: centrifugation; HPLC; FPLC; affinity chromatography; immunoaffinity chromatography; denaturation or heat treatment, so as to enrich or purify the exogenous polypeptide thereby to improve the signal: noise ratio; and wherein the exogenously administered polypeptide has a greater or lesser amount of fluorescence activity, relative to the endogenous polypeptide, at the wavelength(s) analysed, wherein the greater or lesser amount of fluorescence activity is due to the respective presence

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